

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—If Government directions have not been complied with by any subordinate officer, then we will certainly take action on them.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—This is not the answer. I want to know as to what you have done in one year?

(No Answer)

Land for M. I. S. L. House Building Society

568. SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are any house building societies for the employees and retired employees of M. I. S. L., Bhadravathi;

(b) if so, the benefits the Management has extended to them;

(c) whether any representation has been made by the M.I.S.L. House Building Society for grant of lands out of the lands of M.I.S.L.;

(d) if so, the reasons why the M.I.S.L. authorities have not given the land to the society which is for the benefit of the employees?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(a) Yes. There is one society called the M.I.S.L. and M.P.M. House Building Society, Anekoppa.

(b) No specific benefits are extended to the above Society.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Company is facing shortage of land for construction of dwelling quarters and public buildings even for the benefit of the employees who are in active services of the Company.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—In answer to (c) you have said 'yes'. Is it not a fact that this Anekoppa revenue lands were handed over for the benefit of construction of the houses for employees working in the factory and retired employees of M.I.S.L.?

† SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—In 1971 representation has been made to the authorities concerned that 40 acres of land may be granted to this House Building Society. But due to the fact that the Steel Plant itself is finding it difficult to satisfy the demands of the workers who are already there it is found not feasible to provide this land.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—You were pleased to say that this land was ear-marked for the construction of the houses of the employees of M.I.S.L. Bhadravathi. This Anekoppa land was

particularly meant for the construction of houses for which you were pleased to assure. Will you keep up your assurance and give this land to this House Building Society ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—Any assurance will have to be given weight with this background. Only 35 per cent of the total employees have been provided with the accommodation and with the help of HUDCO and Subsidised Industrial Housing Schemes we have been trying through the Housing Board and various other agencies and the Government, of India to increase this percentage. So, keeping that in view, we will have to make further assurances.

SKI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—It is for the benefit of you^r employees alone. Those employees of M.P.M. and MISL are you^r employees. It is a revenue land. It was taken over for the purpose of building houses. Will you kindly see that the said land is handed over to the Society ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—Mr. Khuddus will better appreciate the problem if he realises the position clearly. 2, 214 acres are the total extent available for Visweshwaraiah Iron & Steel Plant. Out of which 1, 652 acres are meant for township and other things. 552 acres of land are meant for expansion. So, it becomes extremely difficult for me to commit myself.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—Only for the benefit of your employees will you consider that the land is allotted to the Society as it is not fit for the development of your factory ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—That is a suggestion for consideration

Thinthini Project in Gulbarga District.

593. SRI RAJA PID NAIK (Shorapur).—Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is not a fact that preliminary work on the Thinthini Project in Gulbarga District is under way for some time past ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project and the progress achieved so far ;

(c) when the project is proposed to be completed ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(a) Yes.